REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the present application is respectfully requested. The Office Action has rejected claims 1-11; objected to no claims; and allowed claims 12-22. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 12-22. Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 12-13, 15, 17-20, and 22. Claims 2, 12-13, 15, 17-20, and 22 have been amended to correct a typographical error.

Specification

Applicants respectfully submit a clean and marked version of a substitute specification including the abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 and 1.125.

Abstract

The Office Action object to the abstract of the disclosure for using legal phraseology under MPEP § 608.01(b). Applicants have amended the abstract to remove the legal phraseology.

Claim Rejections

35 USC 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicants regard as the invention by reciting "the necessary detail[ed] physical connection[s] between" the elements of the claim. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. As claims 2-11 are dependent

upon claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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